

is the smallest I ever saw. Its feet are not more than an inch long and its legs not larger than my third finger, a common tea-cup will cover its whole face. She told me its weight, but I do not remember it, 'twas very little though, She says it is well and it seems sprightly, and the Dr. thinks they may keep it. It is. Mrs. W. says only seven months. Father has just returned from Columbus. He started with Aunt Caroline. He found Henry Mills there. He has just left his wife, and very cross and unhappy. He seemed more mortified by the fact that every body had known how badly she had been conducting but himself. He thought she was devotedly attached to him, until an old man, a friend of his, on whom he could rely, went to him and told him things he himself knew. Caroline is pretty well and says she will come over in the spring. I think Mrs. Kelly will come with her. I believe I told you that the secretaryship of the Board of Public Works is to be done away. Give love to Luther and the Children. I am glad you are all together, so long. And shall be very glad to have you with us when you can think it right to come. We do not think three egotistical, She cannot say too much about yourselves. That is what we want to hear. We are delighted with Beecher's sermons, and would take the Independent, but there are so many things that must be had, that we do not do it. I have sent the two we sent us to Aunt Mary and Aunt Lib. to read they are pleased with them, and have returned them to me, and I will keep them for thee.

Henry Mills was ~~there~~ only before I went there - While I was there he was always cheerful and agreeable at home and Caroline was therefore anxious ^{to have} 2 or 3 agreeable boarders, believing they would contribute to cheerful relations in family - Love to all
S. H. H. H.

Dayton Jan 26th/62

Dear Augustus - I did not expect to write to thee to day. I thought - Mary would answer her letter, but she went to Church twice and cannot write by lamp light, so I will I am afraid, though, that thee will not receive it before next Thursday. It will be so late before it is put in the office, I have considered that they make up the mail early on Sunday, and do nothing more till next Monday, and that is the way I account for thy not getting thy letters at the usual time. We have not yet seen Mr. Babbit, but will tomorrow. The Review came and I took it to your house. I will send it to-morrow by mail. Clara had told Mary about Laura before thy letter came. Mrs. Babbit told Mrs. Burge. They are very much distressed about it, and do not believe a word of it; neither Clara, nor Mrs. B. The Sewetts also knew it from Laura's family. They give no credit to the report. They have

written (that is her Mother) to Laura and she pro-
nounces it false, and says it is a piece of spite
because she would not move her boarding house.
Now this may be I know not. I do not wish
thee to mention it, but Mrs. Lewett says Mrs. Bras-
by is not reliable. Aclams has not yet returned.
I am glad Luther begins to be better pleased with
Sella. I knew she would "come out" someday.
I have found two little "night caps". Are there
any more?, and the white pants for Robbie
and will try to send them the first opportu-
nity, if Mr. Babbut does not go, or if he can-
not carry them.

Hotel ^{at} Toledo about Carnation. She seemed
distressed, and said she wished thee would
take her back, she knew she would behave
herself now. She says her sister will not go to
N.Y. she had determined before I told them.
Aunt Annie Mary and I have been making calls!!
We went to Gregg's, ~~Spears~~ Mrs. Pearce's Mrs. Brady's
Mr. O'Brien's and would have gone to other places
but it was too late. I thought I would make no
more calls, but of late I have thought perhaps

I had better not withdraw myself quite from
society, I find, however, that it is much harder
for me than formerly, and that of necessity
I must do little of it. All received us pleas-
antly, none more so than Mr. & Mrs. Speer.
I like Susie's looks very much, I do not know
when I have seen a young person who pleased
me quite so well, her manner is natural and
very pretty, no affectation. The younger Miss
Gregg too, pleased me much, the elder was
sick and we did not see her.

Father wrote to Granville on his own account
and received a kind letter from him, saying he
had spoken to Mr. J. and that he ^{Mr. J.} told him he
should make no appointment till he went to
Columbus, and that he had not thought of
any other person. Granville said too, that
"Mr. Joseph Pearce and Colonel Tunel
Mead had already spoken to Mr. J." I
was surprised, a little, but suppose Lizzie
may have requested them to do so. But I am
obliged to them all the same.

Mrs. Thaters has been confined. Her baby

I would like to see Frank "exercising" and hear Lella saying her Multiplication table, when she is mistress of that she will have something to be proud of, She must say it forewards, backwards, and up, and down, Robbie is a kind, dear little fellow, he thought the wooden leg would do as well as any, Lella once told me the Art Journal for past years is sometimes to be had low, we have to 61, but have not that, When he is in the City I wish he would be so kind as to see if he can get 61 for me, and at what price, I shall have to send for it, and if I can get it at a reduced price would be glad, The Pagns will send for me, but I shall have to pay full —

Aunt Lib is mending slowly we think, but it is very slow,

Mrs Brady told me Robert Corwin was here a few days ago, He came

to see his brother, but he was hurried before
R. arrived. Mrs B. says "We will bring
his family home, and thinks if better they
should be in Dayton, They were ready
to come when Sally was taken ill of Typhoid
fever, She is still ill he says, but better,
I suppose you know Mr B. has gone to Kan-
sas again. Mrs B. is very anxious for
you all to return, and seemed pleased
that the children remembered and spoke
of her.

Sella Peerce has been quite sick. She
was threatened with Diphtheria I
believe. She is better now. Elizabeth
has not been very well, and her
kitchen cabinet is only a unit when
in opposition to her. She and Mary
both have been annoyed with the two
girls, and I suppose it will end by
sending one or both away. Mary was
here today, and was telling me how they
that is the two in the kitchen, have been doing,
and I think nothing but a discharge will
do, So there sees. She too has her troubles,
All send love to all,

As ever thy Mother

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